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FOR CU/NEA IVP

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SUBJECT: FY-76 IVP GRANT FOR FAROOQ NISAR

1. POST HAS LEARNED THAT ONE OF ITS TOP CANDIDATES, FAROOQ NISAR, FOR IVP GRANTS HAS BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY ABOUT JUNE 28 TO JULY 8. NISAR IS CHIEF REPORTER FOR ASSOCIATED PRESS OF PAKISTAN IN LAHORE AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF TOKYO-BASED ASIAN AGRICULTURAL WRITERS ASSOCIATION.
2. ACCORDING TO LETTER FROM SPONSORS OF CONFERENCE TO NISAR, THEY HAVE APPROCHED CU TO REQUEST TRAVEL GRANTS FOR NISAR AND OTHER INVITEES FROM OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
3. MISSION FULLY EXPECTS NISAR'S PARTICIPATION IN THIS CONFERENCE WILL ENHANCE HIS ROLE IN AGRICULTURAL WRITERS' COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT ASIA AS WELL AS HIS WORK IN PROMOTING CONSTRUCTIVE AGRICULTURAL JOURNALISM IN PAKISTAN, IN WHICH AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ENJOYS OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY ATTENTION.
4. NISAR IS ALSO WELL-KNOWN AND RESPECTED POLITICAL COMMENTATOR ON TV AND RADIO IN BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE US GENERAL ELECTIONS AND ATTEND AT LEAST

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ONE NATIONAL CONVENTION WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY GIVE HIS

TV/RADIO COMMENTARIES GREATER DEPTH AND INSIGHT.

5. ASSUMING GOP MFA APPROVAL, MISSION REQUESTS CU TO
GIVE NISAR FY-76 IVP GRANT TO ENABLE HIM TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS
CONFERENCE AND AFTERWARDS PURSUE REGULAR LEADER TOUR CONCENTRATING
ON US GENERAL ELECTIONS.

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